Year	SRSF		DRF		TOTAL	
	No. of Bridges Repaired/ Rehabilitated	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)	No. of Bridges Repaired/ Rehabilitated	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)	No. of Bridge Repaired/ Rehabilitated	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)
2001-02	280	44.10	445	63.96	725	108.06
2002-03	496	151.60	655	47.50	1151	199.1
2003-04	530	157.27	1033	71.28	1563	228.55
2004-05	375	274.26	1204	116.00	1579	390.26
2005-06	239	248.61	1192	161.98	1431	410.59
2006-07	167	261.20	947	215.15	1114	476.35
TOTAL	2087	1137.04	5476	675.87	7563	1812.91
2007-08	190 (Target) 9 Bridges for 2008-09	445.50 (Budget Allotment)	1254 (Target)	157.10 (Budget Allotment)	1444 (Target)	602.60 (Budget Allotment)

As on 01.04.2007, about 119 no. of bridges have been sanctioned for rehabilitation on East Coast Railway which would be completed in about 4 years. Every year about 1200 bridges are rehabilitated/rebuilt by Indian Railways. Bridges which require rehabilitation/rebuilding are kept under watch and are safe for trains operations. There has been no accident on bridge account on bridges under track. It is submitted that the railway bridge mishap at Bhagalpur had occurred during dismantling of an old abandoned Road Over Bridge.

Drug licensing under one umbrella

*426. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a single/central licensing autonomous body for pharmaceuticals on the lines of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India;

(b) if so, whether all diverse drug authorities like the National

Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), the DPCO and the Drug Chemicals Act, would soon come under one umbrella; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken:

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reported that there is a proposal to set up Central Drugs Authority of India to provide technical vision and policy direction for the pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors and their regulation in the country. For the purpose, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 is being amended.

The issue of having an integrated regulatory authority would be examined in the light of decision on the proposed National Pharmaceuticals Policy, 2006.

Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11.1.2007. The Cabinet has referred the Policy to Group of Ministers (GOM). The First meeting of the GOM held on 10.4.2007. No time-frame has been set for finalizing the National Pharmaceuticals Policy.

Supply of foodgrains to hostels and welfare institutions

*427. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme called Supply of Foodgrains to Hostels and Welfare Institutions to help the shelterless and homeless people;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether this scheme is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details of allocation and off take to Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of off take of foodgrains against the allocation is too low since 2002-03 onwards; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?